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WARM FIGHT LOOKED FOR

Desperate Battle Will Probably Be Fought at Kai Chou Between Opposing Forces.

THE RUSSIANS ARE RESISTING

Bandits Are Gathering at Niu Chwang in Hope of Pillaging City When the Russians Retire.

Niu Chwang, July 13.—(Delayed in transmission.)—It is reported that the Japanese troops, advancing on Kalchau have entrenched and are awaiting reinforcements. Heavy firing is heard day and night proving that the Russians are making a stubborn resistance. Russian officers who came into Niu Chwang frequently from Ta Tehe Kiao say that that place is well fortified. There are only a few soldiers here.

The gunboat Sivouch is still in the River Liao and it is believed that she will resist should the Japanese attempt to take Niu Chwang. Her officers and crew say they will never surrender.

Last night two Japanese scouts, dressed as Chinese, rode on horseback through the city. Ships now enter port without being searched outside, but there is still a strict censorship maintained at the telegraph station at Yinkow.

Bandits and low-class continentals are coming here in the expectation of gathering plunder in the interim between the expected evacuation by the Russians and the occupation by the Japanese.

Doctor Tried Bunco Game.

San Francisco, July 14.—In an affidavit on a motion for a new trial in the bitterly contested case of Percy E. Fuller against David Bernstein, Attorney Leon Samuels attempts to expose some of the questionable methods employed by physicians to force unwarranted payments from their patients. The suit was for \$750 on an assigned claim for professional services performed by Dr. J. A. Silverman at the Waldeck sanitarium. The case was tried on December 10, 1903, and was decided against the defendant on a deposition of Dr. Silverman, who is now in Alaska.

In his affidavit this morning Attorney Samuels enters a lengthy explanation of his reasons for asking a new trial and avers that he was so taken by surprise on the day the case was set for hearing that he overlooked several important items in the deposition of the plaintiff physician. It seems that the deposition was taken by Alanson M. Randol, who was not authorized to administer an oath to Silverman. This led Samuels to think that the case would be continued, but his client was so excited at the probability of delay while his property was tied up with an injunction that the attorney was forced to admit the deposition in evidence. Furthermore he overlooked the item in the deposition which stated that the defendant had agreed to pay Silverman well for his treatment, and so did not make his objections sufficiently strong at the trial.

However, the point upon which Samuels most hopes to be rewarded a new trial is the newly discovered information that Silverman never performed the operation for which he demanded payment. According to Samuels' statement the operation, which was for the fracture of Bernstein's skull, was performed by Dr. J. Henry Barbat, Dr. Silverman only being employed as an assistant at the time. The patient was completely under the influence of anaesthetics and no member of the family was in the operating room at the time. Bernstein's whole family were always under the impression that the operation was performed by Dr. Silverman, as he had always fostered them in that belief, but now they have discovered that another physician did the work for which he sent in the bill.

Moreover, Silverman was first called into the case as a lodge physician, being employed at a stipulated salary to treat all members of the Chebra Achim Rachmonin of which society Bernstein was a member in good standing. According to his agreement with the lodge he should have treated the case gratis, but not only did he demand payment, but insisted on his money for an operation which he never performed.

Though judgment was awarded on Silverman's claim it has never been paid, as the defendant has always contemplated a new trial. At present the

claim is in the hands of Bler & Hagensberger, the money brokers.

IRON MARKET IMPROVED.

More Hopeful Feeling Prevails, Though Movements Are Slow.

Cleveland, July 14.—The Iron Trade Review this week says: As has been the case several times in the past six months sentiment in the iron trade shows improvement where little or none is in evidence in actual market happenings. The cutting down of pig iron production and the possibility that this movement may be carried to a point where reduction of stocks instead of accumulation will quickly ensue, are factors whose possibilities are having attention.

That the various pools have had their meetings and have reaffirmed prices has constituted another favorable influence on sentiment, even though the general expectation was that no change would be made. Some influence may have been exerted also by the encouraging view the speculative community has been disposed to take of business prospects, a prominent factor no doubt being the well published estimates of the steel corporation earnings for the second quarter, these being on a basis thought to foreshadow the payment of the full dividend on preferred stock for that quarter. It may be said also that the St. Louis convention turned out better for the business interests of the country than might have been expected.

But when account is taken of these influences, practically all the improvement side of the week's developments have been stated. The attitude of buyers of iron and steel has not changed except that some pig iron inquiry may be attributed to the belief that concessions below the low point recently reached are not likely. The attitude of southern sellers has been a trifle firmer, perhaps. The coal miners' strike in Alabama is expected to extend through the month but apart from the Tennessee companies shut-downs there has been no curtailment except for repairs and with the accumulated coke and shipments from West Virginia the fuel shortage will not be a problem for a time at least. In the Mahoning and Shenango valleys no further curtailment of production is reported.

Fruit Crop Is Short.

San Francisco, July 14.—The shortage in the fruit crop in this state becomes more and more apparent. In some localities the supply of peaches, apples and apricots is so limited that some canneries will not be put in operation.

Catches of Whalers.

San Francisco, July 14.—The whaling bark Alice Knowles, arriving at Khodate, Japan, on July 2, with a catch of 700 barrels of oil, reported the following catches up to June 20:

Charles W. Morgan, 650 barrels; Andrew Hicks, 400 barrels; California, 175 barrels; Thrasher, two whales, and Monterey, one whale.

SHOT THEM UP

Artillerymen Amuse Themselves at Expense of Townspeople.

Fill Their Hides With Booze and Then Proceed to Demolish Things With Guns.

New York, July 14.—Armed with revolvers, 20 artillerymen said to be from Fort Totten, Willets Point, have given the summer residents in the neighborhood of Great Neck, L. I., a taste of early life on the frontier. After spending some time about the saloons which they visited on leave of absence from the post they began to shoot out street lamps and finally took possession of five summer hotels along the water front. Tired guests were driven to their rooms where they barricaded the doors. Mirrors, glasses and bottles behind the bars were made targets. One proprietor who remonstrated was bound and thrust into a closet.

After amusing themselves for a time the men started for the dock two miles away. The road was lighted its entire length by electric lamps. Not one lamp was left unbroken. Meantime, a posse of citizens started in pursuit but the soldiers reached their boats first and escaped.

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